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GRAYLING BANK CLOSES DOORS

FIRST NAT. BANK OF BAY CITY APPOINTED RECEIVER.

The people of Grayling received one of the greatest shocks this community has ever known when, on Monday morning, the doors of the Bank of Grayling failed to open. The failure of the bank to open in its customary way was truly shocking, but the presence of armed guards before the bank made the situation much more intense.

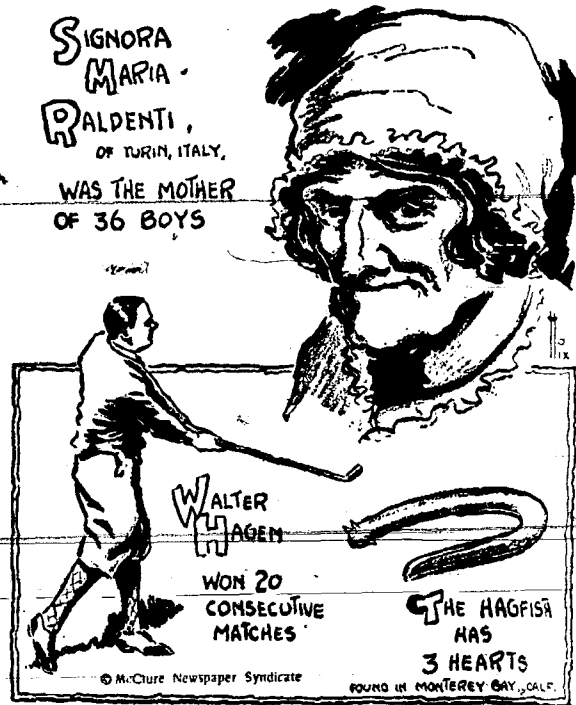
People flocked to this office hoping to learn the reason for all of this, but, of course, we knew no more about it than they. Soon one of the newspapers of Detroit called us with

FIGHTING THE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT HAZARD

Industrial accidents cost the nation the gigantic sum of \$5,000,000,000 a year—more than 11 per cent of total earnings of 29,000,000 industrial workers, according to H. W. Heinrich of the Travelers Insurance Company. He estimates that compensation paid to injured workers, including medical aid, hospital expense, etc., brings the total direct cost of the average injury to \$246, while the hidden cost, due to delayed operations, loss of time and the like, is four times as great as the direct cost. This is a tremendous financial burden to both workers and industries.

Yet great progress has been made in recent years in safeguarding machinery and instilling the doctrine of "safety first" in both employers and employees. It is said that extensive data on accidents is the principal

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By John Hix



THE SPACE FILLER

A. E. Martin

THOU SHALT NOT KILL

It was with much surprise about a week ago that The Space Filler received a personal letter from Irving Latimer who is supposed to be serving a life term in the State Prison at Jackson. He referred to an item published in this column several weeks ago—a hit on Editor M. H. DeFoe's remark that "Latimer's personality would grace the lounge of any club in the country," and agreed with the writer that the remark was insane. The main purpose of Latimer's letter, however, was to call the writer's attention to seven printed proof-sheets from various papers and of various dates—propaganda in favor of the prisoner's release. The matter totalled about four columns, and Mr. Latimer requested my consideration of the same and also asked for the publication of one of the articles (about two columns in length) in this paper.

The space allotted to me under the Space Filler heading does not permit of such publication, but I have selected the following sentences or paragraphs which caught my eye while glancing over the proof-sheets. A Lansing lady, in the Lonia County News, gets off to a bad start in pleading Latimer's cause when she states: "I saw him first, standing accused of the murder of his mother, in court, all strangers to me. I saw a jury of nice (?) narrow-minded men, ONE A GROCERY CLERK." Wasn't it a travesty on justice to have a "grocery clerk" among the twelve men sworn to render a just and true verdict and what wonder—

for perspective—that immediately catalogued the whole jury as "nice (?) narrow-minded men?" The Lonia Lady says: "What in the world does the big state of Michigan want to hold him longer when his cell is demanded by those who are crushing the very gates of the prison for admittance?" Well, why shouldn't they "crush" the gates when inside is three square meals of better food than the average workman can afford, a comfortable bed, employment, entertainment—movies, band concerts, glee clubs, base ball, etc., and no taxes to pay. But why release a prisoner who was convicted of murdering his mother, that his cell may be occupied by a youth who has held up an oil station?

An attorney of Eaton Rapids says he thinks Latimer should be released, and then in the next sentence says he believes that life imprisonment is better than the alternative. The Birmingham Eclectic, speaking of Latimer's imprisonment, says: "Here, at least, to date is one case of life imprisonment meaning more than 12 years in Michigan." Why try to change the meaning of the sentence—LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

Only two of the papers mention the poisoning of the guard in Latimer's attempt to escape from the prison, and seek to gloss it over as an accident—but the fact remains that Latimer caused his death. The Portland Review said "Regardless of guilt or innocence, R. Irving Latimer, serving a life sentence at Jackson Prison, should be free, and that he has PAID IN FULL." At the present time he has served something over forty years—but if the victim had been the writer's mother, forty times forty years in the hottest hell would be no expiation for the crime.

BETTER LOOKING THAN ABE The Space Filler acknowledges the following loaned from C. H. Currier, Superintendent of Schools, Three Rivers, Michigan, referring to items in this column: "These clippings are mighty interesting. They are cleverly written, and I want to say that you have much talent along that line. Keep it up. You may be the Martin whose face I see pictured in one of the dailies and is noted for his clever sayings. However, I think you must be much better looking. Good luck to you, Albert!"

YOUNG GRAYLING COUPLE WED

Miss Margaret Fehr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fehr was united in marriage to Mr. Gail Clise, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Clise, on Saturday afternoon, June 20th, at the Michelson Memorial parsonage, by Rev. J. W. Greenwood. Mr. Kenneth Clise, brother of the groom, and Mrs. Clise attended them. After the ceremony the happy couple departed for Flint on a short wedding trip.

The bride is a graduate of Grayling High School, and is popular among Grayling people. Mr. Clise who is employed for the Michigan Public Service Co. stands well with the company. The young couple have gone to housekeeping occupying the Taylor house, corner of Spruce and Lake streets, where they are at home to their friends. Congratulations and good wishes are extended.

CARD OF THANKS

We extend our sincere thanks to our neighbors and friends for their kindness and sympathy in our late bereavement.

Mrs. Hazel Barber and Children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Barber and Family.

Some German has invented a new paper money that will not burn, tear, or crumple. Wonder whether it can be inflated?

MICHIGAN AFFAIRS

BY A. H. GANSSER

A LEGISLATIVE SYNOPSIS

June 18, 1931, witnessed the final act of our 1931 session. So many of the legislative enactments had been approved by Gov. Brucker before that date, that a synopsis of just what was accomplished is now possible. Like every other Michigan governor for more than thirty years, Gov. Brucker urged a law-making holiday. Michigan seemed to have laws enough on the statute books. What was needed was more helpful interpretation and enforcement of existing laws. So read Gov. Brucker's inaugural injunction. Most of the 1931 lawmakers were in accord with these sentiments. Then the law-making machinery went into action. By May 22, 1931, House members had introduced 629 new bills, and 31 new amendments to Michigan's constitution. The Senate, more conservative, had 279 new proposals and seven suggested amendments to the constitution. In law-making, as in property tax reduction, it is much easier to make promises founded on high hopes, than it is to carry them out. For after all, the well-meaning legislator, like the governor, aims to be a good servant of the people. And when various groups and institutions insist on amendments to existing laws, they usually aim to please. Among these 946 legislative proposals, very few were new or sensational. Most of them were minor amendments to existing laws, that really did not change much. Seems like they could have reached the same good end by a more effective interpretation. When we recall that the supreme court of the United States has decided important constitutional problems by a vote of 5 to 4, it then becomes obvious that the new wording is still subject to their splitting interpretation. So they must go to the next state legislature and ask some more changes in phraseology, ad infinitum.

Digest of Legislative Acts. The governors of 28 states at the French Lick Springs conference in Indiana recently, reported similar mass legislation in their respective states. Some over-zealous lawmakers seem to think that the value of their session labor depends upon the number of bills they introduce and pass. The national news agencies count up the number of bills introduced and passed by the legislatures of all these states, and the total number of new laws so produced is naturally very startling. They say nothing about the bills necessary to appropriate money and direct the affairs of state institutions, departments and commissions. Like bills making minor amendments, these are not new laws at all, but they are so counted for news effect. There is another side to any review of legislation passed at any session. This can be brought out by a review of the various subjects covered. Michigan's 1931 session passed bills affecting these state activities, and by the number given for each, agriculture, 12; administrative board control, 8; money appropriations in addition to the general budget bill, 15; automobiles, 12; aviation, 9; banking, 9; cemeteries, 3; cities and villages, 3; Michigan state commissions, 9; disability compensation, 8; condemnation for public use, 4; conservation department, 16; contractors, 3; corporations, 3; crime, 15; divorce, 8; dogs, 3; drains, 6; education, 15; elections, 14; finance, 8; fire protection, 3; gasoline, 3; highways, 21; inheritance, 3; insurance, 9; judicial, 18; labor, 3; Sunday hunting, 3; marriage, 3; mortgages, 3; newspapers, 3; paroles, 3; prisons, 3; (Continued on last page)

MODERN WATER SYSTEM AT PINES

While every attempt is being made to maintain the virgin forest at the Hartwick Pines State Park in its natural condition, extensive work is being done this summer by the Parks and Forest Fire Division of the Conservation Department to protect the trees from fire. The pines represent one of the two remaining virgin plots in the lower peninsula.

The State Administrative Board recently released funds to install a modern water system in the park. The system will be used to provide water for drinking and sanitation purposes and for forest fire fighting in the vicinity of the pines. In addition to providing water for forest fire fighting, the system will be a precaution against fire in the new Hartwick Memorial building, one of the largest and most beautiful log structures in the state. This building has just been completed. Cooperating with the Parks Division, the Forest Fire Division is now building an extensive system of fire lines in and around the forest, is removing all slash and all other fire hazard material.

WANT OPEN BEAVER SEASON

Michigan will probably have an open beaver season this year. While final action was not taken by the Conservation Commission at its June meeting, this was the consensus of opinion. This matter was again placed before the Commission following the Governor's statement that such matters were the proper function of the commission and that his veto of the legislative act opening the beaver season was his method of referring the matter to the commission for action.

The Game Division of the Department was asked to draw up rules and regulations closely following the legislative act to be submitted for final consideration by the Commission July 1. Among the provisions of the vetoed act was the provision that Houghton, Baraga, Ontonagon and Keweenaw counties would remain closed. State and Federal forest areas were to be closed to trapping to protect the completion of these animals, and to maintain a source of supply for future stocking.

The commission accepted a total of 1,000 acres for dedicated wild life sanctuaries. These are privately owned lands upon which the owner surrenders hunting privileges. The dedications are located in Lapeer, Macomb and Lenawee Counties. An open season on ruffed grouse or "partridge" for the upper peninsula was discussed by the members of the Commission. No decision was reached as it was felt that information about the results of the present nesting season should be reported before such action could be taken. The possibility of opening certain parts of the upper peninsula only, where the birds have staged a decided comeback, and of retaining closed areas to further aid in restocking this game species was suggested to the commission by P. S. Lovejoy of the Game Division.

M. HANSON MAKES STATEMENT

To the Depositors of Bank of Grayling:

It was with the keenest sorrow and regret that owing to the general business conditions, that have extended over the past few years, and which still exist, that it became necessary, in order to protect the assets as far as possible, to suspend operations.

The First National Bank of Bay City has been appointed receiver and is now in possession of all of the affairs of the Bank. Inventory is now being taken and when completed a statement will be made of conditions as they are.

The Bank has served this community for over 30 years, honorably and always with the welfare of the people at heart, and its closing is the saddest event of my life.

Plans are under way to organize a State bank and it is hoped that this can be effected soon, as Grayling must have a bank for the convenience of its people and the County at large.

I wish to take this opportunity to express to the people my sincere appreciation for their confidence in me for so many years, and for the splendid spirit shown in this, my hour of trouble. It is a great source of comfort to me and my family.

M. HANSON.

ing to know particulars about the affair. They seemed to have heard of it before we did, so it didn't take long before the whole state was aware that the Bank of Grayling was closed.

Naturally almost any kind of rumor could have been heard on the street corners. It seemed to be the whole topic of conversation, and still is. Marius Hanson, owner of the bank, has a statement in this issue of the Avalanche which will shed light on the situation. According to that he deemed it necessary to close the bank in order to protect the interests of the depositors.

There are a lot of people here who have every cent they own on deposit in the bank and the tie-up of their funds in itself is a severe hardship to them.

Nobody will deny but that Mr. Hanson has been one of the cornerstones in the welfare of this community. He has taken active interest and given personal time and money in promotion of its institutions and its welfare generally. His integrity is unquestioned both at home and among those who know him in the state. The Bank of Grayling has given financial aid to almost every business institution in Grayling. Now, when it is in trouble, is a time when the home people should stand firmly back of it. If losses are to be had, take them unflinchingly. Remember, Mr. Hanson and his family are taking the loss with us. The situation is going to be tough for some of us but whining isn't going to do any good. An inventory of ourselves and our affairs will reveal the best policies to pursue, and that will mean to most of us "harder work."

Representatives of the First National Bank of Bay City arrived this morning and are now busy taking inventory of the bank's affairs. Ohio.

Golf News

On Sunday, June 21, Nels Woodson of Salisbury, North Carolina parred the course. On six a birdie was made which balanced his score to par when a five was taken on seven. His partner was Edgar A. Murray.

177 played the course this week; visitors were: C. A. Hawley, Vassar, Mich. Ronson S. Park, Vassar, Mich. E. F. Cowan, Bay City, Mich. Dr. C. J. McCann, Bay City, Mich. H. A. Gostley, Saginaw, Mich. Dr. Stanley Insley, Detroit, Mich. Harry Jessop, Detroit, Mich. Mrs. Florence McCann, Bay City, Mich.

A. Hermann, Grand Rapids, Mich. C. W. Scott, Detroit, Mich. A. Blair, Detroit, Mich. W. Dunbar, Detroit, Mich. F. Evesley, Detroit, Mich. L. Fitzpatrick, Detroit, Mich. Dr. Lowell Hudson, Cleveland, Ohio.

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NIGHTLY DANCES TO START AT THE "RUSTIC" PALACE

Johnson's Rustic Dance Palace at Boughton Lake Forest, near Prudenville, the largest and one of the most popular recreation centers in northern Michigan, will open its summer season of night dancing parties on Wednesday, July 1st, featuring the "Ohio Lucky Eleven," one of Lawrence Fuller's dance attractions. During the spring season this band with several others has furnished music for week-end dances at "The Rustic" and because of its popularity among the dance fans has been selected by Mr. Johnson to open the summer season.

The personnel of the "Ohio Lucky Eleven" include Forest Winters, banjoist, doubling guitar and trumpet; Reeves, eccentric violinist and vocalist; "Gilly" Hallett, saxophonist, doubling clarinet, trumpet and the voice that can drown out any ten-piece band; "Cy" Scott, tenor sax, clarinet and violin; "Bob" Yates, sax, clarinet and vocalist; "Spit" Fensler, trumpet and contortionist; Charles Smith, trumpet and singer; "Swash" Gamble, the big boy with the bass horn and bass fiddle; "Sleepy" Fry, drummer and sentinel; "Zex" Winters, pianist and singer; "Larry," director, chauffeur, checking account, and depression chaser.

The opening dance on Wednesday, July 1st, will be in the form of a carnival dance with plenty of favors for all. This in itself means a joyous time for all who attend as Mr. Johnson makes carnival nights a real attraction for dance fans. As in past seasons dancing will prevail every night during the summer, except Mondays.

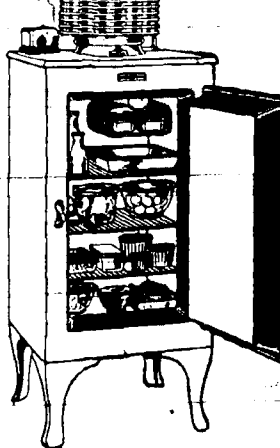
BAND CONCERT

EACH FRIDAY NIGHT

March, "The Dictator"—D. Nelson. March, "Washington and Lee"—Allen. Waltzes, "A Dream of Heaven"—Rauer. March, "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers"—Jewell. "Symphony No. 2"—Dalbey. March, "On the Wall"—Goldman. Overture, "Scorpio"—Eisenberg. By request, "Sheary Ike"—Loosey. "Stars and Stripes Forever"—Susa. "Entry of the Gladiators"—Laurandau. "Star Spangled Banner." Ed. Clark, Bandmaster.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1931

FORMER GRAYLING GIRL WEIS

Grayling people are interested in the marriage of Miss Helen Elizabeth Westcott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Westcott of Ypsilanti, to Mr. Ernest Leonard Bridge of Detroit.

The beautiful wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents on Saturday, June twentieth before a large number of relatives and friends.

A most charming reception followed the ceremony and was given on the lawn which had been made most attractive for the occasion.

Those attending the wedding from Grayling were Mrs. J. K. Hanson, grandmother of the bride, Mrs. Louis Jensen, Mr. H. J. Hanson, Mr. Esbern Hanson, Mrs. H. A. Bauman, Mrs. Marie Hanson, Mrs. Lucille Hanson, Mrs. Oscar Hanson, Mrs. H. W. Wolf.

OLD RESIDENT PASSED AWAY

Peter Jensen, one of the early pioneers of Grayling, having lived here for 41 years, passed away at 11:00 o'clock Saturday night of apoplexy. For some time he had been unable to care for himself and had made his home at the cottage infirmary, where he passed away. He had been ill about seven days.

There is no record of Mr. Jensen's life available, however he had been a good citizen and had many friends. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the Sorenson Brothers chapel, with interment in Elmwood cemetery.

Michelson Memorial Church

Sunday, June 28, 1931.

11 a. m. Theme—"A Higher Patriotism." Do not fail to hear this message having the Fourth of July in mind.

The Pacifist

"No man can be a Christian and be a pacifist," is a statement that will likely arouse the ire of all super-patriots, and yet it is fundamentally true. For the word PACIFIST is a perfectly splendid word, too often misunderstood and misused. It would be Latin background and remember that PAX means peace, and FICIO to make. So that in its literal meaning, a PACIFIST is someone who is interested and engaged in making peace. Too often he is thought to be a passiveist. But peace-making requires more skill and aggressiveness than war-making. It is a perpetual challenge and a perpetual task. It calls for our best thinking and finest leadership. And when everyone is a PACIFIST, he is following the Christ who taught—"Blessed are the PACIFISTS (peace-makers) for they shall be called the children of God."

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

Have you noticed that with the general decline in the cost of living, nothing has been done yet in the way of deflation taxes?

Our idea of real living would be to have a big income and nothing more to do than a lieutenant governor.

Television will soon be an accomplished fact and then you can no longer lie to your wife and tell her you are calling from the office.

Smart People

Laymen are those smart people who know everything that great scientists still labor in vain to discover.—San Francisco Chronicle

Wise Bird

The Montana fish eagle or osprey builds its nest on pinnacles beyond the reach of natural enemies, so that its young may be safe.

POTPOURRI

The Harp

The most ancient of stringed musical instruments is the harp, invented by Jubah, the early harp was very simple. Not until about 1730 did the pedal harp appear, and another hundred years elapsed before Erard added the double action pedal. The standard instrument is 44 inches high, 38 inches wide at its base, and has 48 strings, the longest of which is 37 inches.

LIBCKE-HANSON WEDDING

On Saturday evening at eight o'clock Miss Ingeborg Hanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson was married to Mr. John W. Libcke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Libcke of Gaylord.

The marriage was solemnized at the Danish-Lutheran church by Rev. J. W. Greenwood.

Miss Agnes Hanson of Detroit, sister of the bride and Mr. Clarence Libcke of Saginaw, brother of the groom stood with them at the altar as they spoke their marriage vows.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson.

Guests from out of the city included Miss Agnes Hanson, John W. Libcke, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Libcke, Henry Libcke, Howard McKenzie, Detroit; Clarence Libcke, Saginaw; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Libcke and son Bob, Gaylord.

GRAYLING LOSES 18 TO 12 AT MT. PLEASANT

Grayling have had team journeyed to Mt. Pleasant last Sunday and were defeated 18 to 12 in a match that was marked by heavy fighting. Although Grayling fell behind in runs they had as many hits as their opponents. The team was exceedingly slow and good fielding was impossible which accounts for the large score. It was Grayling's first game and as they gave a 2-0 lead to themselves. Made up of many of the former players, some of whom have not played for a number of years they hope to have a good team in a short time and hope to give the fans some good games in the near future. A little warm weather will help to put them in form.

Following was the Grayling lineup:

Brady, catcher; "Babe" Laurant, pitcher; R. Miles, 1st base; D. Laurant, 2nd base; C. Johnson, shortstop; G. Pond, 3rd base; C. Doroh, L.F.; O. Nelson, C.F.; C. Webb, R.F. Substitutes: "Doc" Howard, R. Shuchy, outfield; B. Pankow, catcher; L. Cushman, infield.

The team is endeavoring to secure a game for next Sunday to be played on the local sandlot.

WIFE OF WELL KNOWN MAPLE FOREST FARMER PASSED AWAY

Mrs. Florence Hummel, wife of Alfred Hummel of Maple Forest township passed away at Grayling Mercy Hospital at 2:00 o'clock Sunday morning after a month's illness. Mrs. Hummel was 74 years old and was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The family had made their home in this County for several years and are among the County's most progressive farmers.

Surviving besides the husband are two daughters and a son, all of whom have the sincere sympathy of many neighbors and friends in their bereavement.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at Frederic.

CUSTOMERS PROFIT FROM PROGRESSIVE MANAGEMENT

"If every industry had been able to do what the electric industry has accomplished during the last ten years it is reasonable to suppose that business would not be in its present state of inactivity," says the Hartford Courant. "The policy of this industry has been to reduce its costs in every way possible and to make electric current not only cheaper, but more available to the public. The result has been, the country over, an increase of 30 per cent in the amount of electricity used by the average household, with that item figuring only one per cent of the total family budget."

Although the cost of living is about 57 per cent above what it was in 1913, domestic electric service is 50 per cent below its average price in that year. The average revenue to the companies on a kilowatt-hour basis is the lowest in history.

"In 1920 the average customer consumed less than 250 kilowatt-hours a year. Today he consumes more than 600. Within this decade rate structures have been revamped to enable the consumer to use all manner of household appliances at a decreased cost. The completely electrified home has now been brought within the means of a numerous class, while the small consumer is constantly encouraged by lower rates to extend his use of electricity. We have, therefore, in the electric industry throughout the United States, a conspicuous example of profits through lower costs and extension of service, in all of which scientific research has played a notable part."

AL CRAMER PASSED AWAY

Albert Cramer, age about 65 years, and a resident of Grayling for the past 23 years passed away at Mercy Hospital Friday morning at 9:10 o'clock, having suffered a paralytic stroke the night previous at about 11:00 o'clock.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon with services at the Sorenson Bros. chapel, Rev. J. W. Greenwood of Michelson Memorial church officiating. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

Mr. Cramer was a plumber by trade, which he had followed for about 35 years. Of late years he had been ill much of the time and for the past several months lived on a small farm in Beaver Creek. His wife, who was a sister of Mrs. Adam Gierke passed away about six years ago, after having been an invalid for years. Mr. Cramer was well known and had a large circle of friends. Relatives from out-of-town who came to attend the funeral included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lamont, Bay City; Mr. and Mrs. Betty Lamont and Kenneth Lamont of Flint.

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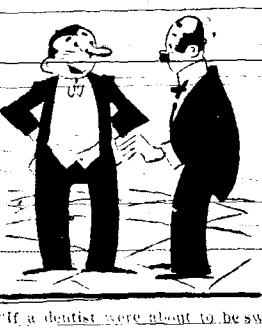
"Here's a story which says the heroine thanked him with a look." "I suppose her gown was so tight that she couldn't trust herself to speak, eh?"

WOULD STOP EATING



"If you marry Miss Rickett you will have to give up smoking." "Well, if I don't marry her I will have to give up eating."

SAYING OF DENTIST



"If a dentist were about to be swayed by a whale what do you think he'd say?" "He'd say, 'Open your mouth a little wider, please.'"

IT CAME BACK



"I marked a coin once and put it into circulation. I got it back in about a week." "It works that way sometimes. Just happened to me with a box of Christ-mas candles."

SENT HIM UP



"I opened up and told the judge every one was trying to keep me down." "What did he do?" "Sent me up."

EASY TO LOVE



"She—Do you believe in love at first sight?" "He—Baby, I could fall in love just from description."

It is said that the usual crop of icebergs is not coming down from the region of the North Pole into the Atlantic. Maybe here is another industry that has been slowed down by the depression.

This Englishman who says Americans have no imagination should drop into one of our large cities and look at what we call a safety zone.—Macon (Ga.) Telegraph.

News Review of Current Events the World Over

President Hoover Delivers Addresses in Three Middle West States—Moves Toward Restoration of Economic Prosperity.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD



President Hoover

RESPONSIBILITY for the existing economic depression in the United States should be laid to frozen confidence rather than to frozen assets, according to President Hoover, who addressed the Indiana Republican Editorial association and its guests in Indianapolis. The chief executive expressed his hopes and plans for renewed prosperity which shall be wrought out of the nation's great natural resources by a people with renewed courage, and he vigorously defended the course of his administration in the crisis and denounced panics for recovery. After alluding to the Russian five-year plan, Mr. Hoover proposed what he called an American plan. Said he: "We plan to take care of 200,000,000 increase in population in the next 20 years. We plan to build for them 4,000,000 new and better homes, thousands of new and still more beautiful city buildings, thousands of factories; to increase capacity of our railroads; to add thousands of miles to our highways and waterways; to install 25,000,000 electrical horse power. We plan to provide new parks, schools, colleges and churches for this 20,000,000 people. We plan to secure greater diffusion of wealth, a decrease in poverty and a great reduction in crime."

From Indianapolis the President and his party, which included Mrs. Hoover and their son Allan, went to Marion, Ohio, and took part in the dedication of the magnificent memorial to Warren G. Harding. Mr. Hoover delivered the chief address in which he severely condemned the "friends" who betrayed Harding's trust. Former Senator Freydinghousen, president of the memorial association, presented the memorial to the association. Calvin Coolidge, who succeeded Harding in the presidency, replied in acceptance. Gov. George White accepted the structure on behalf of the state. Immediately after the ceremonies Mr. Hoover went to Columbus and reviewed a parade of Civil war veterans attending the Ohio G. A. R. encampment.

Next day the presidential party journeyed to Springfield, Ill., for the dedication of the remodeled tomb of Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Hoover was the guest of Governor Emmerson and again delivered the main speech at the imposing ceremonies.

The political implications of President Hoover's trip to the Middle West were evident and not denied. The three states he visited have all caused alarm among the Republican leaders by their votes in recent elections. Only last November Illinois repudiated a Republican senator with a Democrat and sent five Democrats to the house in place of Republicans; Ohio elected a Democratic governor and sent six Democrats to congress in place of Republicans, and Indiana replaced six Republicans in congress with Democrats. Republican managers hoped the presidential tour would have effect in bringing these states back into the fold, and there was also the expectation that it would help in promoting the Hoover's prospects for re-election and re-election.

That he is a candidate is no longer in doubt, it is ever was. The recent conversion of young Republicans in Washington, under the guidance of Senator Lodge, national Republican chairman, and that certain.

IN A letter to leaders of American industry and organized labor, the National Civic Federation has taken the first step in setting up a plan of systematic production, eliminating unemployment and integrating industrial and domestic structure of the nation. The letter was signed by James C. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany and now the chairman of the federal commission on industrial inquiry. It is based on a proposal made by Matthew Wolff, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, and urges the calling of a national congress to discuss and formulate a program of industrial readjustment and a permanent machinery for this purpose.

Mr. Gerard's letter was addressed to all leading manufacturers in the country, officials of the American Federation of Labor and heads of all international unions. The letter declares that Mr. Wolff's proposal for a great congress of industry has received the endorsement of the national civic federation and expresses the readiness of the federation to summon such a congress. "If it can have reasonable assurance that the response will be such as to make success probable," Manufacturers and labor leaders were asked to state their opinion and that of their organizations on the proposal and to advise whether they would participate in a preliminary meeting that might be held before the formal calling of the congress.

"What is desired is to draw together a great convulsion of delegates, not a mere collection of individuals without representative character," Mr. Gerard's letter declared.

FOR the purpose of encouraging other nations to help in the disarmament movement by telling all about their military strength, the United States, through Secretary Stimson, has made public its report on that matter to the League of Nations. The document shows the land, naval and air armaments of the country, giving the exact number of men, warships and aircraft maintained for military and naval purposes. The total number of army reserves is also given, though this information was not asked by the league.

The data gave America's total land effective as 135,037, including 13,690 officers. The National Guard was listed at "10,774 average daily effective" and was not included in the total forces because it was reported "not available to the federal government without measures of mobilization."

The total strength of the naval force was fixed at 105,880, including 10,420 officers and 17,500 enlisted personnel of the marine corps. The total armed air forces, including effective in the army and navy, were placed at 27,324 officers and men, of which 13,155 were credited to the army air corps and 14,169 to the naval air force. The total number of airplanes in the armed forces was listed as 17,732, including 945 army craft and 787 naval planes. Three army and two navy dirigibles, including the Los Angeles, were added.

Japan promptly followed the example set by the United States.

EUROPE rather expects that when Secretary of State Stimson gets over there for his visits to various capital cities it will be revealed that the United States government will consent, under certain conditions, to alter its stand on reparations and war debts. And in this country, there are indications that this may be true. Undersecretary of State William A. Castle gave out a statement the other day to the effect that the government does not consider its position as signifying an inflexible thesis, and there have been strong hints at the White House that President Hoover would not oppose the scaling down of war debts if he were assured this would be followed by ample reductions in European armaments.

Mr. Castle said the government is and always has been open minded on the war debt question and has been watching the situation abroad very carefully; he added that no crisis has yet arisen of a nature that would call for any action by this country on the war debts. If such a crisis should arise, he said, it was obvious this government would have to consider whether a temporary change was necessary. Official opinion in Washington was that Mr. Castle's statement was designed to help Chancellor Brüning of Germany in the troubles that beset him.

MISS ANNA ADAMS GORDON, former president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union and of the World W. C. T. U., died in Castle, N. Y., at the age of seventy-eight years. She was a close friend of the late Frances E. Willard, helped her organize the W. C. T. U. and for many years was her secretary. She was one of the best known of temperance leaders of this generation.

FRANKLIN D. Roosevelt's presidential boom was given a decided boost in Massachusetts by the gubernatorial election given by Col. Edward M. House at his summer cottage near Manchester-by-the-Sea. The governor of New York was the guest of honor and among those present were the most influential Democratic leaders of the Bay state. Little was said about politics during the luncheon, but the feeling was general that the affair was of considerable political significance, and friends of Mr. Roosevelt are of the opinion that the Massachusetts delegation in next year's national convention will be in line for his nomination. Just before the party went to the table Colonel House offered a toast to the governor as the man on whom the eyes of the nation are focused.

It will be remembered that Colonel House recently announced that he was corresponding with leading Democrats with a view to promoting Roosevelt's presidential prospects. Among the guests at the luncheon was Henry Morgenthau, like House a close friend of Woodrow Wilson, and it is believed he has associated himself with House in this movement with the sanction of Roosevelt, although the governor has not yet declared himself a candidate for the presidential nomination.

AL CAPONE, the world's most notorious gangster, will have to spend some years in Leavenworth penitentiary. Before Federal Judge Wilkerson in Chicago he pleaded guilty to indictments for evasions of income tax payments and for conspiracy to violate the prohibition law. He will be sentenced on June 30, probably to from two to four years in prison. Sixty-eight members of Capone's gang also are under indictment for the liquor law conspiracy. Capone's role as king of gangland is ended.

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Juan Bautista

Perez, obeying a demand made by the congress of Venezuela, resigned from the presidency of that republic, after evading for some time the oral and written suggestions of members of congress that he step out of office. He was managed by supporters of Juan V. Gomez, who were determined that the veteran should resign the place he held for 20 years from the time of Castro's downfall until May, 1920. He retired then on his own motion and when Perez was elected to succeed him the constitution was amended to permit Gomez to become commander-in-chief of the army and to be responsible only to congress. An academic, rather than active type, President Perez left the task of putting down insurrections—three of which have occurred since he took office—to General Gomez and his army of 12,000 men.

Gomez, in fact, has been almost as much the ruler of the country since retiring as he was before, and his return to the presidency in the election set for June 15 was considered certain. He is getting to be an old man but retains his youthful vigor and picture-queeness, and probably is the man Venezuela needs.

WITH all the traditional splendor and ceremony Paul Doumer was inaugurated as the new president of the French republic, succeeding Gaston Doumergue. Premier Laval called at the senate for M. Doumer and took him to the presidential palace, their automobile being escorted by cavalry through throngs of cheering citizens, as the artillery fired the 21 gun salute. At the palace the retiring president transferred his office to his successor, and M. Doumer received the insignia of grand master of the Legion of Honor from the hands of General Dubail, head of the organization.

President Doumer's first official act was to go to the city hall and be received by the council, after which he proceeded to the Arc de Triomphe and there, in a solemn ceremony, re-lighted the eternal flame at the tomb of the unknown soldier. This rite was especially moving, for M. Doumer lost four of his five sons in the war.

President Doumer received the resignation of Premier Pierre Laval and his cabinet and urgently requested Laval to retain his office. The latter consented and offered for the president's acceptance an unchanged ministry, including Foreign Minister Briand.

NEARLY 500 persons, most of them women and children, perished when a French excursion steamer capsized near St. Nazaire during a storm. Only eight of those aboard the vessel were saved.

The submarine Nautilus, carrying Sir Hubert Wilkins' under-ice polar expedition, was disabled in mid-Atlantic by the breaking down of her engine, and was taken in tow by the American warship Wyoming.

CARDINAL SEGURA, the exiled primate, slipped back into Spain the other day but was promptly apprehended and ushered out again across the French border. His presence in Spain threatened a recurrence of the attacks on church institutions, for the radicals were enraged by the news of his return. The Vatican protested his requisition.

ONE more member of the federal farm board—the third within a few months—has resigned from that body. He is Samuel R. McKelvie, the former member of the board, and he said that as his term had just ended, his resignation was not necessary. His successor has not yet been announced. Mr. McKelvie, who took part in the recent grain conference in London, will retire to his large live stock ranch in Nebraska.

NETTA DUCHATEL, of Belgium, was selected as "Miss Universe" at the international beauty pageant at Galveston, Texas. She is seventeen years old and has long, dark hair. (© 1931 Western Newspaper Union.)

Man-Sized Job
I am not a politician, I find the job of ruling and regulating my own life is as much as my limited mental powers can imagine.—Sir Ernest Benn.

Want Ads

FOR SALE—Light team—in good condition—or trade. Address: Wm. Ellis, Roscommon, Route 1.

FOR SALE—Sanitary cot, two other cots, oil stove, oil lamps, and other articles. Charles Tromble.

FURNITURE repairing and upholstery. Leave orders at Cash & Carry Store. J. C. Leverton, ft.

FOR RENT—Mrs. John R. Williams' cottage at Lake Margrethe. Inquire of Miss Carrie Jorgenson.

FOR SALE—Leghorn broilers, 25c per lb. live weight. Guaranteed fresh infertile eggs at all times. Northern Oak Poultry Farm, St. Helen, Mich. 6-25-31

HOUSEWORK WANTED—By the day or week, or any kind of house-cleaning by the hour. Helen Darling, Grayling.

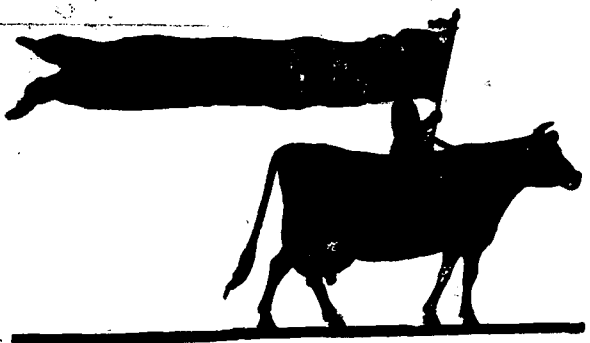
WANTED—Family or piece washing, also quilts or blankets. Write Mrs. Kendrick, Grayling, formerly Mrs. Will Brado. 6-18-31

SALESMAN WANTED—Local man only to work Grayling and surrounding counties, calling on business concerns. Nationally advertised line. Must be a hustler. Permanent connection if you make good. MERCHANTS INDUSTRIES, INC., Third and Wayne, Dayton, Ohio.

FOR SALE—Essex Coach, 1927 model, in good condition. A real buy. For information call 72-W.

BRICK, PLASTERING AND CEMENT work wanted. Axel Swanson, Grayling. 10-10-31.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES



In experiments at Purdue University, LaFayette, Ind., lambs produced on good pasture yielded meat as satisfactory in finish of carcass and in palatability as that of lambs which had received valuable grain feed.

A well-established asparagus bed will last indefinitely with good care and fertilizing. After cutting is over let the tops grow until late in the season, then remove and burn them, and cultivate the soil between the rows. Apply manure and fertilizer after the cutting and cultivate them into the soil.

To produce a smooth, non-slippery surface on a concrete walk or feeding floor, the Bureau of Public Roads suggests sprinkling a little sharp sand over the surface before the concrete hardens. The sand should be rubbed in lightly with a wooden float operated with a circular motion.

Since beginning in 1917 the campaign to eradicate tuberculosis of cattle, the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with State agencies, has located and slaughtered more than two-thirds of all the infected cattle in the country. Today there are fewer than 1,000,000 tuberculous cattle in the United States.

Bulls intended for heavy breeding service need some extra feed for about 30 days before and during the breeding season to be in good condition. A few pounds of grain mixture, with perhaps a little protein concentrate such as linseed meal or cake, is satisfactory. The quantity of grain should not exceed 1 pound to each 100 pounds of live weight. Usually one-half or two-thirds of this quantity is enough.

Residents of the prairie provinces of Canada appreciate the value of trees for windbreaks, shade, and wood. According to the Canadian Forest Service, 6,000,000 tree seedlings and cuttings were shipped to this region for planting last year. In the last 30 years more than 116,000,000 trees have been sent by the service to more than 100,000 applicants. Millions more have been bought from

private nurseries.

Onion Diseases
In a publication on onion diseases and their control, the U. S. Department of Agriculture says the vegetable grower can control onion smut by applying formaldehyde solution (1 pint to 16 gallons at the rate of 200 gallons an acre or 1 quart to 16 gallons at the rate of 100 gallons an acre) by a drip attachment on the seeder. Control blight, the department says, by avoiding excessive soil moisture, by crop rotation, and by thorough cultivation. Spraying should be done early and thoroughly. Reduce pink root by avoiding diseased soil, especially for seed beds, and rotate onions with other crops. Fusarium rot can be controlled by crop rotation or abandonment for a time of old onion soils. Sort out diseased bulbs at harvest. To keep white rot from spreading, steam sterilize infected areas and don't use bulbs from diseased soil for propagation. Care of the crop during harvest and curing are the chief control measures for neck rot. Sanitation, sorting out of diseased bulbs at harvest, protection from rain after harvest, thorough curing, and storage in a dry, well-ventilated place at 32 to 35 degrees F. lessen storage diseases, says the department. You can get the publication, "Farmers' Bulletin 1690," issued from the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Insect Outbreaks.
Insects cause great reductions in grain crops annually, but such losses are largely preventable. The U. S. Department of Agriculture gives these points for preventing outbreaks of insect pests. Watch grain crops carefully for early signs of insects. Examine the fields daily during the growing season if possible. Keep on hand at least a small supply of the standard insecticide preparation such as Paris green, and lead arsenate. Delaying applying insecticides often causes loss of the crop. If in doubt as to the identity of the pest, send a specimen in a tight tin box, with your county agricultural agent, State experiment station, or nearest Federal entomological field station, requesting information regarding it. Report serious outbreaks of insects to one of these authorities.

GETTING OUT OF DEBT

Donaldsonville is one of the oldest towns in Louisiana. It has had a population of about 4,000 for a good many years.

In 1929, the Louisiana Power and Light Company bought the town's municipally owned electric and water systems. The little city was then able to build and pay for a much needed sewer system and have a balance remaining of approximately \$62,000 for the building of other public works.

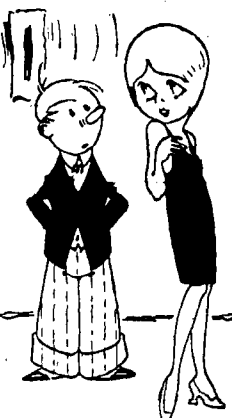
Its old municipal electric plant had for years been charging 15 cents per kilowatt-hour. The large private system established its standard rates of 8 cents, 5 cents and 3 cents with a small service charge.

have relieved themselves of heavy public debt, have far lower rates than their city plant could have granted, have the benefits of a modern sewer system, have \$62,000 on hand for other municipal improvements and have increased their permanent tax income by reason of turning a tax-exempt public plant into assessable property owned by private citizens.

Here is a practical example of municipal debt and tax reduction.

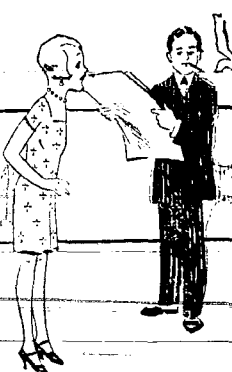
Discretion's Value
There is no talent so useful towards rising in the world, or which pays men more out of the reach of fortune, than discretion, a species of lower prudence.—Swift.

PROPER MOURNING



"Why do you wear that costume? It looks like half mourning."
"Well, every evening when you come home from the office you complain of being half dead."

IDEAL MARRIAGE



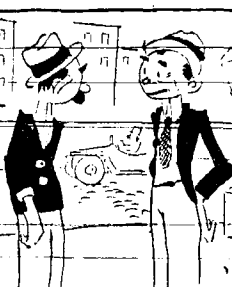
She: I think marriage should be like sliding down hill. Just one round of happiness.
He: Some say it's more like dragging the sled back up the hill.

JUST A FLIRT



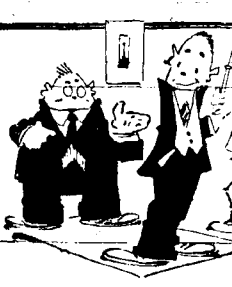
"She loves to flirt."
"Yes; seems to be a regular business with her."
"Only trouble is she doesn't keep her business engagements."

STARTED AS GEOLOGIST



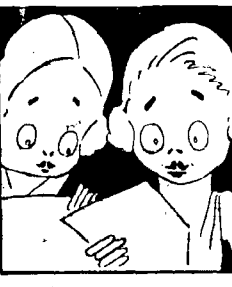
"He started out to be a geologist—has he been successful?"
"No, he went on the rocks."

DIRE VENGEANCE



Wife's Lover—Yes, I ran away with your wife. What are you going to do—kill me?
Husband—Yes, I'm going to kill you—if you ever bring her back.

PUZZLING MATTER



"What's worrying you, Matilda?"
"Why this letter I just received from Jack. I can't make out whether he sent me 1,000 kisses or 10,000."

DID YOU KNOW

That the use of typewriters in the Navy instead of pens saves forty minutes in every hour?

That the machinery on a man of war is the most modern and efficient of its kind?

That the Navy has done more than any other person or company toward the development of radio and aviation?

That there are about 8,000 men

Crocodiles Victims of

Their Own Bad Temper

Crocodiles have been endowed beyond other creatures with the gift of tears and are believed to find it a business asset. While the world has stood gaping at the spectacle of so fearful a reptile, the crocodile has gaped to greater purpose. Now, however, he is to lose the advantage of surprise and his tears will be a puzzle no longer, says the London Times. Imperial scientific research has found out something about crocodiles which it would be very decidedly worth their own while to know.

Researches carried on in Uganda have shown that crocodiles have a secret grief. They are very human in some ways and are inclined to sleep with their mouths open. There is nothing wrong so far, and if crocodiles pass most of their lives in a snooze nobody will complain. But it appears that the tasteless fly is addicted to walking around the open mouths of sleeping crocodiles and to hitting the softer parts.

Crocodiles let this irritation master them and pay a terrible price for their bad temper. They snap their jaws and swallow the flies and with them the germ of the sleeping sickness. It is the old story of the lion and the mouse—that kindness, or at least forbearance, from the bigger beast pays in the long run.

One Mushroom Variety

Expert Had Overlooked

One of the most nourishing viands to be found in the fields is the mushroom, and while they are rather liberally consumed, there are many persons who will not risk eating them for fear of mistaking the poisonous toadstool for the edible mushroom.

But it is rare that one hears of a man dying through experimenting with foods. Yet it happened a short time ago. A famous expert on mushrooms, M. Cottin, died of mushroom poisoning.

This Frenchman was probably the greatest living expert on mushrooms, and wrote a book on his pet subject. He was also careful to illustrate the book with pictures showing mushrooms that could be eaten with safety and those that were poisonous. Apparently M. Cottin discovered a mushroom that he had not listed. He ate it to make sure and died.

English Like Pantomimes

Englishmen in exile seem to cling to pantomime as tenaciously as to plum pudding, writes a columnist in the Manchester Guardian. When the Resolute wintered in the ice at McIlvaine Island in 1852 Christmas was celebrated by the production of a pantomime, which had the novelty of being played entirely for the fun of the performers. There was no audience, for every member of the crew took part, with the commander, Sir George Nares, starring as Columbo.

In 1873, when on another polar expedition in the Alert, Nares "reopened the Royal Arctic theater" after it had been closed for 25 years, and pantomime was again the favorite pastime of all concerned.

"As You Like It"

Various commentators have advanced different theories as to why Shakespeare's play was given the name "As You Like It." Braithwaite, however, in his "Barnaby's Journal," speaks of "As You Like It" as a proverbial motto and this seems more likely to imply the true explanation of the title of Shakespeare's play. The title of the comedy may on this supposition be exactly parallel with that of "Much Ado About Nothing." The proverbial title of the play implies the freedom of thought and indifference to censure which characterizes the sayings and doings of most of the actors in this comedy of human nature in a forest.

Shows Good Census

"How many are there in your family, madam?"
"Just my husband and I."
"No children?"
"No."
"Any dogs or cats?"
"No."
"Do you have a radio?"
"No."
"Now, have you any saxophones, pianinos, ukuleles or other musical instruments?"
"Indeed not. And why all these questions?"
"Madam, I'm just the man who intends to rent the house next door."—London Opinion.

Head or Heart?

"Lately," informs a Tablet subscriber, "I am importuned, day and night, to subscribe to this and to that. Considering the times, wouldn't it be better to give a bit to each and ask no questions, than to be considered hard-hearted?" "That," replies the editor, "we can best answer by quoting Theodore Roosevelt, the beloved. He said: 'Hardness of heart is a doubtful quality, but it is doubtful whether it works more damage than softness of head.'—Exchange.

Spinach Cook

Ruth Ellen and her mother were taking their first dinner with friends. After the four-year-old was served she surveyed her food with a critical eye and said:
"My Aunt Rose has a cook that can cook doughnuts but ours is just like yours, a spinach cook."

under instruction at all times in the various trade schools operated in the Navy?

That the above information was furnished by the U. S. Navy Recruiting Station, 645 Randolph Street, 710 Lawyers Building, Detroit, Mich.?

World's Oldest Dances?

The most ancient dances are believed to be astronomical dances of the early Egyptians.

ARE YOU A LAW-BREAKER?

No other great country has so many laws as the United States. No other great country has so much law breaking, it is said. This is not, of course, a coincidence. It is gradually being realized that too many laws are as detrimental as too few laws.

Law-breaking has become in a way a national sport—concurrent in by persons in all walks of life. And still our elected officials continue to grind out more and more laws to add to the already sagging statute books.

There is no point in chiding the public for countenancing lawlessness. The blame must go largely to those who have aided and abetted the mania for passing "more restrictive laws."

If all the antiquated traffic laws, 10-16-20 and 30 miles an hour speed limits, prohibition laws, anti-gun laws, "spitting" ordinances, anti-smoking ordinances, etc., were enforced, probably 25 per cent of all citizens would be subject to fine or imprisonment every day. We pass so many laws that it is impossible to enforce them because we couldn't provide enough courts and jails to handle the minor cases.

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Belief in Evil Spirits

Common to All Peoples

There are many explanations as to where and when the story of the Devil or Satan originated, that is, when this personage first came upon the earth and who or what creed first brought him here?

The belief in evil spirits has been found in practically all religions and among all peoples from the earliest times.

And the idea has been modified from time to time by the gathering of references to cyclopses, articles on the subject, to articles in Bible encyclopedias, dictionaries of religious knowledge, Catholic Encyclopedia, Jewish Encyclopedia, etc. The word "Satan" signifies "an enemy" and the word "Devil" signifies "a slanderer." The International Encyclopedia says in part: "In later Jewish and Christian belief, a mighty spirit of evil who has during unknown ages ruled over a kingdom of evil spirits and is in constant and restlessly active opposition to God." The writer of that article states that the Hebrews knew little about such evil spirits until they came in contact with the religions of Babylonia and Persia during their captivity in Babylonia. These ideas were developed by the Jews and many of them were carried over into Christian theology, where they were subject to other influences.

Attractive Sports Dress



Lita Chevrolet, Radio Pictures featured player, is shown wearing an attractive two-piece sports dress of striped silk.

THE COMMUNITY TAX QUESTION

Oakland, California, for the past decade has been exerting itself to encourage the development of industries within its borders. Like all sections of the country, this city has been struggling with a constantly increasing load of taxation.

Recognizing the seriousness of the present tax situation under which large cities have drawn heavily on their taxpayers' resources to make costly municipal improvements, the Oakland Post-Inquirer, in a feature editorial, says:

"Lower taxes will mean higher local prosperity."

"The people of this community are struggling under a tax burden much too heavy."

"This high tax load has reached a point where it threatens to handicap the development of the community. It is certainly a handicap to individual bank accounts."

"To decrease taxes would be a sure way to increase business, to stimulate building operations, to relieve unemployment."

"Lower taxes is the most important question now confronting this community."

"Excessively high tax rates do mean in the end lower total income from taxes. They depreciate property values, they discourage new building, they frighten home owners, business men and industries away from a community. They cut down the amount and value of the property that can be taxed."

"Private business is finding ways to lower costs, fixed and otherwise, without lower efficiency, and in the end that may be the depression's great blessing in disguise, for private business—perhaps the same thing will be true of public business."

The Post-Inquirer has summed up a situation that confronts every community. What every city, county and state needs is a smaller total tax collection from every taxpayer, not new methods of getting more taxes. Let increased tax funds come from increased business and not more taxes from less business.

POTPOURRI

Gunpowder

Although information is indefinite, it is thought that the Chinese used gunpowder before the Christian era. Roger Bacon of Oxford is sometimes given credit for its discovery because he told how to make it in some of his writings in 1242. The earliest cannons of record were used in Florence in 1326, France 1348, Germany 1340. (© 1931 Western Newspaper Union.)

Honored by Soviets



Although the United States and Russia "do not speak as they pass by," that attitude on the part of the Soviet government does not apply to George G. McDowell, formerly of Manhattan, Kan., who bears the distinction of being the first United States citizen to be cited for the order of Lenin. McDowell has been in Russia since 1923 and has done much for agricultural advancement in that country. He is a graduate of the Kansas State Agricultural college, having obtained his B. S. degree there in 1900.

AGAINST ODDS

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.



It was a thrilling story that they told of Buchanan at the services which commemorated his victory and his death—a story which should give those who heard it a higher appreciation of duty, a stronger determination to win the battle of life even against odds. Buchanan had always shown a strange faculty for doing things which he undertook to do, no matter what it might cost in personal labor and effort, or even danger to himself. He was a young naval officer in charge of a detachment of marines in Nicaragua. The Nicaragua town which he was guarding was attacked by a band of guerrillas ten times the number of men at Buchanan's disposal. He might well have hesitated to engage them in battle. Ten to one the odds were against him and the attackers knew the country in which they were making their onslaught far better than he did. It was his duty, however, and there was no hesitation, he put the guerrillas to flight. He won his battle, notwithstanding the odds against him, though he lost his life. It takes courage to engage in any sort of contest against odds.

"I am willing to try you out on the job," the superintendent said to Craig, "because you show much enthusiasm for your work, but I want you to understand that you haven't one chance in ten of making good. Your preparation for the work is not so good as it should be, you are young and inexperienced, and you are going into a most difficult position where the three men who have preceded you have resigned because they saw that they were facing failure."

"But I didn't fall, and the added courage and confidence which came from success in an almost impossible situation has made him one of the most trusted and valuable men in the organization to which he belongs."

Too many young fellows these days, it seems to me, in high school and in college and in business, are looking for the easy job where the odds are in their favor and where success may be won without effort. There is little future for such men.

Famous "Golden Gate"

The "Golden Gate" was so named almost 300 years before gold was discovered in California. This narrow channel into San Francisco bay was named by Sir Francis Drake about 1578.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Circuit Court for the County of Crawford.

Frank Sales, Plaintiff, vs. Clyde Hum, Defendant.

To whom it may concern:

Take Notice, that on the 22nd day of April, A. D. 1931, a writ of attachment was issued out of said court in the above entitled cause as commencement of suit for the recovery of Two Hundred and No-100 Dollars due the above named plaintiff from the above named defendant on implied contract which writ was returnable on the 15th day of May, A. D. 1931.

Dated this 18th day of May, A. D. 1931.

ELMER G. SMITH,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
Business address: Gaylord, Michigan 5-21-6

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Holger F. Peterson and Bertha S. Peterson, his wife to Andrew Peterson, dated the 23rd day of September, A. D. 1926, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, on the 25th day of September, 1926, in Liber H of Mortgages, on page 400, and

WHEREAS, by reason of said default there is claimed to be due and is due at the date of this notice, including principal and interest the sum of two thousand nine hundred ninety-six and 27/100 (\$2,996.27) dollars, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt now secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof,

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is given that by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained, and of the statutes of the State of Michigan, in such case made and provided, the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on Wednesday, July 8, 1931, at the front entrance to the County Building in the Village of Grayling, that being the building wherein the circuit court for the County of Crawford is held, the premises described in said mortgage, or sufficient thereof to satisfy the indebtedness and the costs and expenses of sale, including the attorney's fee allowed by law, and also any sum or sums that shall be paid at or before said sale, by the undersigned, for taxes or insurance to protect his interest in the premises described in said mortgage as situated in the Village of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, described as follows:

Lot eight (8) of Block nine (9) of Hadley's Second addition to the Village of Grayling.

Dated at Detroit this 1st day of April 1931.

AXEL PETERSON,
Executor of the estate of Andrew Peterson, Mortgagee.

Lovett and Orr,
Attorneys for mortgagee,
2312 Union Guardian Bldg.,
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News Briefs

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1931

One tree will make a million matches, but a lighted match can destroy a million trees.

Mrs. B. H. Ketzbeck of Detroit is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doroh.

Mrs. Oscar Hanson returned Tuesday afternoon from a trip to Detroit.

The Jess Schoonover family have moved to their cottage on Lake Margrethe.

Sanding old floors makes them like new. Call 114-J for estimates. M. E. Gorman.

Mr. T. W. Hanson and daughter Virginia Hanson motored to Chicago on Tuesday. From there Virginia will go to California where she will spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. Ann Burke.

Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert, and Billyann left Saturday for Mt. Pleasant, where Billyann spent a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Webb, while Dr. and Mrs. Clippert were in Detroit.

The July number of the Woman's Home Companion contains a Paul Bunyan story, the author of which, James Stevens is one of our summer visitors, occupying the Miss Granger cottage at Lake Margrethe.

The Birthday Club met at Connie's Grove last Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Ernest Bissonette as hostess.

There were eight members present. Mrs. Oscar Borchers was the winner of the penny prize. Late in the afternoon a pot luck lunch was enjoyed. The Club will have a picnic at Lake Margrethe Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Nell McDaniels as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Borchers and their guests, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Barus of Hildale and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Frye of Elsie, enjoyed a canoe trip down the AuSable leaving Saturday morning and returning Tuesday morning. They went down about thirty miles and fished and camped along the way, getting nice catches of trout and having a very delightful outing.

State police report the following arrests, made Monday night: E. Hankinen, 300, running traffic signal light; paid fine of \$3.10. Marius Hanson, clerk, driving thru signal traffic light, paid \$5.40 fine and costs. Edna Douglas, no tail light and no operator's license. Paid fine and costs of \$9.40. Robert Gibbons paid fine of \$4.40 for having defective lights and no operator's license.

Mary, who had the little lamb, is reported to be alive at 90, in Wales. If someone had not written a piece about her and the lamb, and got it into print, few would have known that either ever existed. If you wish to have people know who you are, where your business is located, and what you have to sell, take advantage of the services of a person who can both write and print. For this purpose, the advertising columns of the local paper are open.

Misses Evelyn Jordan and Helen Brady spent Wednesday in Gaylord.

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Axel Nelson and family of Saginaw are at their cottage at Lake Margrethe for the week.

Dr. and Mrs. C. J. McCann and children of Bay City were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lorane Sparkes over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and sons Robert and Harry of Saginaw visited the Fred R. Welsh family last week end.

Dr. Lowell Hudson of Cleveland, who is resorting at Houghton Lake, was the guest of the Oscar Schumann family Tuesday.

Mrs. Loyl Cameron and son Bobby of Grand Rapids are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter L. Brown.

Mr. E. A. Murray and children Virginia, Polly, and Mark are here to spend a time at their lodge on the AuSable river.

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See the new Electrochef on display at the Mich. Public Service Store. The most up-to-date cooking machine of today.

Miss Ada Kidston, who is visiting her father Allyn Kidston at Mackinaw, spent the week end the guest of Miss Ellen Gothro.

Dr. and Mrs. Alfred LaBine and daughters Shirley, Barbara and Jean of Detroit are occupying the Alfred Hanson cottage on Lake Margrethe. They expect to remain for two months.

Mrs. Alfred Hermann and daughter Barbara of Grand Rapids arrived Sunday to spend some time with Mrs. Hermann's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates. Mr. Hermann spent the week end here.

A chance to get a good buy—We have two General Electric Refrigerators at gift prices. These have been used as store demonstrators only. Michigan Public Service Co., Grayling.

The rotogravure section of the Detroit Free Press in its Sunday issue contained a couple of Grayling scenes. One was of Miss Edith Bidvia in a river scene and the other was a view of the Hartwick Memorial pines.

Miss Gladys Wheeler accompanied by Miss Helen Vermer and her brother Lee motored up from Detroit and spent the week end the guests of the former's aunt, Miss Jane Ingley at Wildwood, Lake Margrethe.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roberts and children visited over Sunday in Lansing with Mrs. Roberts' sisters, Mrs. C. M. White and Mrs. J. W. Hoffman. William LaGrow accompanied them and visited his sister Mrs. Lee Seymour and his brother Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo White and daughter Joyce of Adrian are spending a couple of weeks visiting Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. Clara McLeod and family. Sunday they together with Mrs. McLeod attended the funeral of Lee S. Woodbury in Bay City.

Future brides and grooms beware! lest you be invaded by the band of merry makers such as gave one of our recent young married couples an oldtime shivaree. Lads and lassies of about ten years and younger staged the shivaree and after listening to the noise for a while the bride came to the door and invited in the youngsters and they all emerged with a treat of a candy bar.

In the matter of choosing the queens to represent Grayling and Crawford county at the East Michigan Water carnival in Bay City, it will make no difference whether any particular girl has one vote or 25. The coupon in the Avalanche gives you a chance to name your choice. July 3rd is the day that the local girls will be chosen, and everyone whose name was sent in to the chairman, Harold McNeven will appear at the scheduled place to be announced later. Disinterested judges will select five young ladies from the whole group and then two will be chosen from the five to represent Grayling and Crawford County at the Water Carnival. Let those wishing to vote did not save the coupon from last week's issue. It appears again this week, just cut out the coupon, fill in blanks with names of two young ladies of your choice to represent Grayling and Crawford county and mail to Harold McNeven, local contest chairman.

Mrs. Colla Granger, Miss Ida Granger and Miss Ruby Stephan returned Tuesday evening from Lansing, where they had attended the graduating exercises at Michigan State College. It was the 79th annual commencement and George Granger was a member of the class of 408, graduating from the division of Engineering, and receiving his bachelor of civil science degree. The exercises began Sunday afternoon with the baccalaureate services and in the evening they had the privilege of listening to a concert by the College Military band, on the college campus. This too was wonderful. The commencement was held Monday evening and Mrs. Granger reports that it was a beautiful sight to watch the large class file in to a march rendered by the college band. She says she would not have missed the affair for anything. George is to be congratulated upon his success for now having finished college, he immediately started to work for the State Conservation department, reporting for duty Wednesday morning. George is made of the right kind of stuff, the kind that always wins.

Maurice Gorman and family spent Sunday in Boyne City.

Mrs. S. D. Palmer and children spent the week end in Bay City and Flint.

W. H. Woodson, Jr., left for his home in Salisbury, N. C., Wednesday morning.

Dance Saturday night at Beaver Creek Town hall. Admission 50c per couple.

William and Julius Pochelon, arrived from Detroit Tuesday to spend a time at the Pochelon cabin on the AuSable.

Misses Jerrine and Natalie Peterson are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bromwell, at Lake Leelanau.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hanson and Marie Brown were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Minard and family at Alpena Sunday.

Mrs. Allen Papendick and Lucile are visiting the Papendick families. Miss Lucile will remain for the summer at the Homer Annis home.

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The annual Head-Davis reunion will be held at the late Hubbard Head home on the County line four miles east of Roscommon, Sunday July 5th.

Mrs. John Slingerland has been visiting for a few days at the home of Mrs. Arthur Feldhauser in Lovell. The Slingerland family who were former Grayling residents, moved back to Grayling from Port Huron a few weeks ago.

There will be a special meeting at Kalkaska tomorrow (Friday) for the consideration of highway matters relative to M-76. It is hoped a large delegation will be present from Grayling. Highway Commissioner Palmer is to be in attendance.

There will be a camp meeting of the Alpena district of the Free Methodist church at Vanderbilt, that began yesterday and will last to July 1st. The meetings will take place at Berry Grove. Daily services at 10 a. m. and 2 and 8 p. m.

Old Guard, composed of men who have been in the lumber business twenty years or longer, held here last week end for an outing. A little golf and fishing were indulged in, and at 6:30 Saturday evening a party was set down to a banquet at the Shippen's Inn. The party was headed by P. A. Gordo of Detroit who is an old lumberman of the state.

Mrs. Herbert Trudeau and Miss Maxine Collen entertained at a miscellaneous shower last Wednesday evening to honor the former's sister Miss Margaret Fehr. There were 28 guests and the evening was spent playing "500" and making a prophecy book for the bride. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses. The bride-elect was the recipient of many lovely gifts.

"Our Gang" met last Thursday afternoon at the farm home of Mrs. Rudolph Feldhauser. Fifteen members were present—two guests, Mrs. Rollo Failing and Mrs. Ben Pankow. The afternoon was spent in visiting and playing games. This party was in form of a birthday party for the following ladies whose birthdays come in June: Mrs. John Charles, Mrs. Sidney Burgess, and Mrs. John Stephan. A lovely birthday cake made by Mrs. George Clise graced the table and the committee served a very nice lunch. "Our Gang" will meet on July 1st at the State Park with Mrs. Helen Wakeley as hostess and Mrs. Paul Feldhauser as entertainer.

Four candidates were initiated into Grayling Lodge F. & A. M. last week Friday night, as follows: John Erkes, Ernest Larson, Clara Smith and Earl Kolvenon. The initiation work began at 3:00 p. m. and lasted until after 11 p. m. At 6:30 p. m. the O. E. S. ladies served a luncheon. The evening was warm but in spite of it there was a good attendance. After the banquet, Rev. Greenwood acting as master of ceremonies, a number of short talks were given. On behalf of the lodge M. A. Bates presented Henry A. Bauman, a life certificate, the latter having been a member 42 years. Harold Jarmin, also on behalf of the lodge, presented Carl W. Peterson, the last past master of Grayling lodge, with a past master's apron. Mr. Van of Spring Lake, brother-in-law of Mr. Erkes, was present and assisted in the initiatory work of the latter.

Young Man Passes Away After Three Days Illness

Ellsworth Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Barber of Pere Cheney, passed away at the Gaylord Hospital last Thursday morning after a three days illness from acute bronchial pneumonia. Mr. Barber was employed by the Maintenance department of the State Highway, engaged in building roads out of Gaylord. His home was in Roscommon, where his wife and two children resided, but he was boarding in Gaylord while working there. Saturday night he went swimming in Otsego Lake and rode back to Gaylord clad in his wet bathing suit. Sunday evening he complained of being ill and called on a physician there who advised that he enter the Gaylord Hospital. He had developed pneumonia and early Thursday morning passed away. Young Barber was injured in an automobile accident over a year ago when his machine was struck by a train near here and he suffered chest injuries at that time which is thought were partly the cause of his untimely demise.

The young man was born at what was known at the time as Centre Plains, Crawford County, Jan. 4,

1907. He was united in marriage to Hazel Frye, December 25, 1925 in Grayling.

Surviving besides his widow are two children Eleanor Jean, age three and Eugene 1 year, his parents, four brothers and three sisters, Mrs. Dan Dabbitt, Mrs. Charles Corwin, Grayling; Bryon Barber, Mrs. Earl Bird, Roscommon; Esna Barber, Farmington, Mich.; Fred, Toledo and Claude, McKean, Arkansas, all of whom have the sympathy of many friends.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon with a short prayer at the parental home and services at the Congregational church in Roscommon. Rev. Peterson officiating. The deceased's four brothers and two brother-in-laws acted as pall bearers and interment was in the Roscommon cemetery. The funeral is said to be the largest held in Roscommon in some time.

The following relatives and friends from out of town were in attendance at the funeral:

Claude Barber and son Rev. McRae, Arkansas; Fred Barber and daughter Thelma, Toledo; Mr. and Mrs. William Pickle, Boyne City; Mr. and Mrs. Esna Barber, Farmington; Mrs. Ella Scott and daughter Alice, Bay City; Thomas Ferguson Sr. and son Tom, Saginaw.

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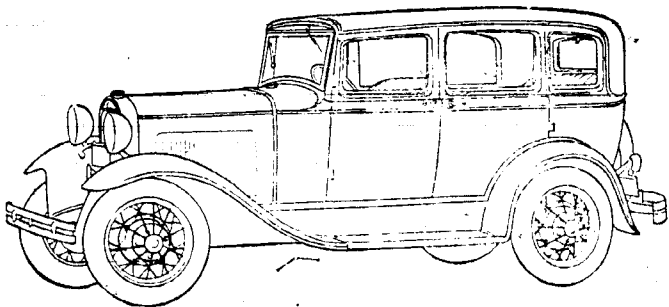
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AM. LEGION NOTES

BY A. H. GANSSER

JUST FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

The third week in June, 1916, brought the long expected order for the mobilization of Michigan's National Guard at the Grayling military reservation. President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan had long deferred taking this step for the protection of our Mexican border. But when to the border raids of Pancho Villa and his revolutionists there were added rumors of hostile acts by President Carranza, such as colonizing the west coast of Mexico with Japanese immigrants, and harboring war agencies of the central powers in Mexico City, the war department was very reluctantly authorized to mobilize the nation's volunteers. Infantry companies were to be increased to 150 men each. The staff organization was to be brought up to the minute, based on nearly two years of World War observation in Europe. The regular army was to be increased to a war footing. Uncle Sam's navy was always ready. The naval reserves of the several states were put in a state of war preparedness. Today we know from official source records and the events of the next two years, that this mobilization was to serve a twofold purpose. Something had to be done along the Mexican border. And Europe might as well see that America was for peace, as always. But not for peace at any price. The news agencies of America and the neutral world, in that third week of June, 1916, made no sensation of this defense move. There was bloodshed and waste though, after nearly two years of the Armageddon in Europe, Asia and Africa. Efforts for a negotiated peace must continue to be made by America and the war hating neutrals. America's Volunteers Mobilized. This mobilization of our National Guard in June, 1916, proved the worth of the national defense act, sponsored by the Spanish War veterans and passed by Congress. The nation and the several states had done much to improve this volunteer service since the sudden call to arms against Spain on April 26, 1898. Now the arms, uniforms and equipment were exactly the same as that provided the regular army and navy. Physical examinations at entrance and regular training brought 150,000 volunteers to the colors on 24 hours notice, ready for any service. The next two years were to demonstrate that fact. European militarists had referred to the regular army of old England as "contemptibles." Two years later the World War had demonstrated that this relatively small force was capable of fighting and training the millions who soon were to follow. Now America was having the same practical experience. But just like England in August, 1914, as now our own country, was finding

it much easier to find men for war, than it was to arm and equip them. Ten months were to come and go, before these Mexican border troops became American shock troops for service in France and Belgium. Each day cost its thousands of dead, wounded and missing on three battle fronts in Europe. The mass purchases of arms and ammunitions in America by the war allies indicated the trend of modern war needs. Yet April, 1917, was to find America totally unprepared to arm and equip the men drafted for war in Europe. Nearly three years of the World War and the mobilization for Mexican border duty, apparently had taught Congress nothing. In this very hour Europe is clamoring for war debt reductions, while squandering hundreds of millions each year in armies and navies for the national defense. Which in Europe just means preparation for the next war.

Europe is realistic. America is idealistic, exacting a terrible price in blood and treasure for failure to see the world as it "over there." Imperial Russia's Last Fight. In that very third week in June, 1916, when America was mobilizing its National Guard for Mexican border duty, imperialistic Russia was making its last fight. After the German victories in Russia all through 1915, the high command knew their shortage in money, arms and munitions. Men there were in greater numbers than ever, but these became mere cannon fodder before educated leaders and scientific warfare. All this was well hidden from America and the neutral world by the war censorship of St. Petersburg, London, Rome and Paris. The daily war bulletins from Europe reported German losses before Verdun, without further gain. Rome reported stopping a feeble Austrian offensive. London now presented the naval battle off Jutland as a worth-while victory. The biggest and best navy was still supreme on the seven seas. Allied troops at Salonika in Greece were aiding the Russian offensive in Galicia. Rumania would soon be in the war against Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey. British armies were forming below Bagdad for another drive against Turkey, with Russian help from the Caucasus. That would spare the Suez Canal and Egypt a flank attack. Britain's armies in France were about to spring their first major offensive along the Somme river. Germany had failed to put over the crown prince's drive for victory at Verdun, and through this defeat had lost the power of initiative for that year. After the defeats of Russia and Serbia in 1915, allied war fortunes were at high tide. So read the war bulletins from Rome, Paris and London at that hour. Today we read in Gen. Pershing's war memoirs how futile were all these allied hopes and claims. Russia's Imperial armies scored a brief win in Galicia and then pattered out for want of arms and munitions. Within seven months would come the Bolshevik revolution, threatening to join Germany against the old allies. Then America's entry in the war, to take the place Russia had deserted. But few Americans sensed this coming fate in June, 1916.

TREE SURGEON SAYS

Uncared for trees are a liability while driving your car, you have an accident and injury or kill someone you are liable and quite often have to pay damages. Most everyone recognizes this and so they carry insurance to cover any damage. The same people never give the possibility of a damage suit from tree injury a thought. Your trees may have dangerous limbs overhanging the street, or there may be large dead limbs which are but waiting a strong wind, to bring them down, perhaps on some passerby's head. In cases where trees weakened at the base by fungus attack have been known to fall over in a calm. Property damage often results from uncared for trees also. You may own a tree between your home and your neighbor's home. The tree or part of it falls tearing off a corner or breaks a large hole in the roof. Who pays for this damage? You do. Insure yourself against this danger by having your trees inspected regularly and cared for if weaknesses are found.

"SEE DETROIT ONCE"

Over in Berlin that great capital is setting itself up as a resort for tourists, and a slogan has been adopted: "See Berlin Once This Year." Partly because it wants to welcome them, Detroit is translating the slogan into "See Detroit Once." While part of the trend of touring is from the big cities toward up-state, there is quite as much to be gained by up-state's touring cityward at least once in the year. There are a lot of new show things and places in Detroit to interest the folks from up-state every year. For instance, the new great steel works in Ecorse, just below Detroit is running now and is the first example of a complete steel-making plant. Those who come from the west and southwest can see at Flat Rock the first complete oil distilling plant in the state. The great group of down town buildings in the financial district have not lost their novelty, while the Canadian adventure, which every stranger to Detroit wants to make at least once, is available by underground tunnel or over-river bridge. During the summer the best view is obtainable from the bridge, including the lake and river traffic, now in its best activity—and the view across the Canadian peninsula to Lake Erie, which gives new ideas of the geography of the Detroit River and the connecting lakes. The latest stunt in connection with the river crossing is the taking of photographs of sunrise from the highest point at the center of the bridge by amateur photographers and astronomers. Some very successful pictures have been taken, this stunt being considered one of the hardest shots to take photographically.

THE "GOOD OLD DAYS" ARE GONE FOREVER

Gone are the days of the spacious old-fashioned farm kitchen—gone with its ugly well pump, its row of milk pails placed shining clean on the shelf, its roomy pantry filled with varieties of nourishing food, the massive table belocked in spotless white oilcloth, rows of sturdy chairs on opposite sides of the wall, and paramount among them, the ponderous old black woodstove with its shining nickel decorations. Ah! can we not recall again the luscious aroma of baking bread, steaming puddings, the fluffy golden cakes and cookies that are so most tantalizing from the vicinity of that monarch of the farm kitchen—the stove. And mother, the capable queen of her domestic domain working wearily on the hearth. You, gone are the delicious baked food of "cook-stove" days; but, they have been wisely transferred to a new headquarters—the village bakery. Mother needs no longer to drudge wearily in a hot stuffy kitchen.

In the hurry and scurry of this present day world (which, however, the busiest among us must admit has been necessarily checked by the commercial depression) we buy our bread and cakes of the store knowing and caring little of the why and wherefore of them. If we should stop just one little moment to reflect we should surely discover that contained in one loaf of bread, in a small but delicious frieze, or in the varied pastry products of the modern bakery there is an interesting story—a romance of man-made process.

Grayling boasts a most interesting bakery shop situated in the village commercial center, and one that is the center of activity the year round. However unattractive the building itself might be it affords not only excellent bread and food for the surrounding territory, but employment for local inhabitants. It is patronized by tourists from all parts of the country—and let us forget it is advertised from coast to coast, when we consider that both professional and amateur bakers never fail to patronize this bakery when "passing thru."

White-capped bakers work night and day making bread, rolls, cookies, cakes, pies and delicious pastries and the whole of machinery that serves to produce food scientifically and efficiently. There is the huge "mixer" that measures and mixes the bread dough under the guidance of the baker, a "rounding" machine that prepares the loaves for the "proof box" after they have been weighed and next in order the "molder" that automatically molds the bread into forms for the bread pans. Another step places them into a huge heat-regulated oven. When the bread is sufficiently baked it is allowed to cool and then immediately wrapped in waxed paper by means of a complicated but efficient machine. It is then ready for the market.

Then, is it not evident that modern bakeries are excellent successors to Mother's old-fashioned kitchen!

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Every Variety of Song

In the Lives of Russians
In Russia music has always been closely connected with the lives of the people. From the time of birth through all the events of life until death claims them, they move to a musical accompaniment. The return of spring is celebrated by a sort of choral dance, termed the khorovod; marriage, being a most important time, brings forth many songs, such as "The Birchwood Splinter" ("Lutchina"), "Glorification," "The Matchmaker" ("Svat oushka"). There are boating songs, laboring songs, lullabies and dance songs. Most of the dance tunes are in the major mode, the slow tunes, and these are best liked in the minor. Cesar Cui, in his book "La Musique en Russie," divided the Russian composers into three groups: First, the old lyric school, Glinka, Dargomizsky and Seroff; second, the New-Russians, Rimsky-Korsakoff, Mussorgsky, Borodin, and lastly Rubinstein and Tchaikowski in a class by themselves as being less distinctively national—Washington Star.

Paw-Paw Tree Products

Put to Various Uses
Papaya, or paw-paw trees, which grow in the tropical jungles of South America, are put to various uses. They are versatile in that they furnish food, medicine and soap. The Field Museum of Natural History, in Chicago, which has one of these trees in its botany exhibit, states emphatically that the tree is not to be regarded as a link between the animal and vegetable worlds. The tropical paw-paw tree is described as an old-looking affair, tapering from the base of the stem to a height of about 20 feet. It exudes a peculiar juice which, rubbed on meat, will make the toughest beefsteak as tender as venison, according to Popular Science Monthly. The natives living in the districts where the paw-paw tree abounds use the juice for this purpose. The juice is an acid, milky substance and has medicinal value. The seeds are used as an effective vermifuge or worm destroyer. Furthermore, the tree has a delicious fruit. It is large, pulpy, oblong in shape, and has a heavy rind.

Ruby Rates Above Diamond

A ruby is harder than any stone except the diamond. Carat for carat, rubies of the first quality are rarer and consequently more valuable than diamonds of a corresponding grade. No other stone increases as rapidly in value in proportion to increase in weight as this. One peculiar property of the ruby is that it becomes green upon exposure to high temperature but regains its original color on cooling. Dark red rubies are found in Siam, and purple ones in Ceylon, but Burma alone may claim the wonderful pigeon's blood ruby. A cloudy variety exists also which, when cut with a convex surface, exhibits a luminous star, giving it its name of star-ruby.

Odd Methods of Fishing

Natives of some sections of India have several unusual methods of catching fish. Popular Mechanics Magazine says, in Assam, fishermen crouch on the banks of shallow lakes and emit a shrill whistle which attracts a species of mountain fish. Lured by the sound, this fish darts into the open palms of the whistler and is caught. In other places the direct rays of the sun force mountain fish to seek shelter beneath the boulders on the banks of streams. Channing Hillman crawls to a boulder behind which a fish is hiding, strikes the rock a heavy blow with his steel-shod club, and catches the fish, stunned by the sound vibrations.

His Move

In the wee hours of a recent morning a group of grownup kids emerged from a restaurant, went into a huddle on a prominent corner at the direction of a lad whose fiery red hair waved in the breeze from the broken places of a crushed derby, and began to harmonize. Soon the deserted city canyon was ringing with the strains of "The Yacht Club Song." The young man cupped his hand to his ear for a moment, then turned the other way and started down the street. "I guess I'll go down here and look for robbers," he said.—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Eagle as a Symbol

The eagle stood for two things in ancient symbolism. The Greek name for the monarch of the air was a word meaning "rapid motion." The deeply mystic Hebrews, after watching the great bird sitting motionless, contemplating the sun, gave it a name which meant "meditation." In early Christian art the eagle became the symbol of spiritual power, because it was able to soar tirelessly through the highest places. The lion was the symbol of human pride and temporal power.

Engraving Is Ancient Art

Engraving dates back to the ancients, but the first authentic engraving of which there is any record was that of St. Christopher, 1423. Baron de Reiffenberg claims to have found an earlier one, dated 1318, and a manuscript discovered in the middle of the Eighteenth century gives reason for believing that the art was known as early as 1308 in England, but there has been too much controversy concerning those prior to St. Christopher to accredit the earlier ones.

CORPORATIONS PAY OVER SIX MILLIONS

The department of state will send out between 18,000 and 19,000 tax report blanks to Michigan corporations before July 1, the beginning of the new state fiscal year. During the present year, the corporation tax has amounted to \$7,406,000 but department estimates are that during the coming fiscal year the revenue from this tax will drop to about \$6,000,000.



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Each time you go to a Red Arrow Auction you say, "That was the best so far," and yet the next one always turns out to be a little better. All of the Auction blocks will be closed against further bidding at 5 P. M. on Thursday, June 25.

\$200 in gold will be awarded to the organizations which get the most Arrows in the Gold Rush and the first prize will be a \$100 bag of gold. Give all your spare Red Arrow money to some worthy organization. Each dollar's worth is good for 500 Arrows.

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Friday evening, June 26, 1931 at 8:00

Lather Seat Rocking Chair	\$12.50	Bread & Cake Box	1.50
Baby Wonder Walker	5.00	Dustless Mop	1.25
Umbrella Stand	2.25	12 qt. Allen Peshwip Kettle	1.60
Half Gal. High Gloss Interior Paint (choice of twenty shades)	2.25	Auto Strop Razor	1.00
Quart of Floor Paint (choice of three shades)	.75	Ladies Silk Dress	10.50
Cut Glass Footed Flower Bowl	2.60	Dance Set	2.98
Tackle Box	3.50	Baby Set (silk dress and tam)	2.75
Fly Rod	4.00	Pair Men's Oxfords	4.98
Baseball Set: 1 cap, 1 ball, 1 glove	3.00	4 Pair Men's Socks	1.00
Smoker's Set: 1 pipe, 1 ash tray, 1 cigarette holder	4.00	Men's Tie	1.00
Bass Casting Rod	2.50	13-Plate Battery	8.50
Keen Kutter Pocket Knife	.70	Credit Check (\$5.00 in trade)	5.00
Bond Flashlight (gold)	5.00	Electric Windshield Wiper (outside model)	7.50
Bamboo Fly Rod	3.75	Tire Chain and Lock	1.75
		McAleers Polish and Polishing Cloth	1.35
		1 Gal. Polarine Oil	1.15
		Tube Repair Kit	1.00

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public health, 18; real estate, 10; taxation, 17; public utilities, 7; veterans aid and preference, 9; public welfare, 9; military and naval affairs, 9. Then there are acts affecting apartment houses; architects; athletics; boating; bridges; building and loan companies; lake frontage; University of Michigan; Michigan State College; taxicabs; private police; narcotics; and making eastern standard time official. Michigan Taxpayers' Opportunity. This analysis of the 384 new enactments by our 1931 legislature makes interesting reading for those who are keenly interested in Michigan state affairs. After going through this list of major subjects covered, every Michigan taxpayer will have a much better view of our complex modern life, expressed in state services. In addition to those activities receiving more than one legislative sanction, were the following: designating Armistice Day a state holiday; Prohibit supervisors holding two offices; convey state lands to East Tawas and St. Johns; allow service on resident representatives of foreign corporations; allow deputy sheriffs to advise prisoners; photograph deeds; allow more than two terms to city treasurer; get tax receipt before entering deeds; permit lodges and churches to sell soft drinks; increase the holding power of the Michigan Grand Lodge of Masons; allow sale of Grand Rapids naval armory lands; permit printed reports of Michigan Historical society; sell at cost, printed information on election matters; provide for certified copies of records of births, marriages and deaths; exclude Wayne county from county of fiscal salary act; assistant prosecuting attorney to receive copies of compiled laws; fixing continuous secretary for senate and clerk of house; prescribe their duties in signing enrolled acts; governor fill vacancies in court of record; allow local governments to borrow money and issue notes in anticipation of tax payments; send transcript of death certificate to place of residence; prevent transfer of township cemetery funds; eliminate fees in state employment offices; give certain township boards power to construct breakwater and retaining walls.

An even casual review of these legislative enactments will show every taxpayer how much regulation there is asked of every legislature. Add many of these require money. Just as tax reduction must begin at home, where 90% of taxes are spent even as the reduction of law making every two years rests with the people and retaining walls.

FREDERIC NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Corsaut are entering their mother from the south part of the state. A supper at Maple Forest Town Hall on July 1st for the benefit of Rev. Browning. Time: 7:30 in evening. Price: 20c for children; 35c for adults. Vern Wallace and his aunt Mrs. Ray Bensen of Detroit are visiting at the old home. Some people believe in letting their lights shine by days as well as by night, as some people did in this town. Forget to turn the lights out, so they burn for two days, while they were away. The funeral of Mrs. Hummel will be held Tuesday afternoon at the M. P. church. Rev. Browning conducting the services. Mrs. Oscar Charron is entertaining her sister, Gladys of Detroit.

Inside Information

Can your vegetables and fruits last as long after gathering as possible. One hour from garden to can is the ideal time limit. First on the list of important tools for the home dressmaker is a good pair of shears for cutting out fabrics. Never allow them to be used for miscellaneous purposes around the house. Hide them, if necessary. Summer rugs should be down by this time and winter ones put away out of moth's temptation. Certain parts of a rug are walked on more than others, so it is a wise precaution to turn them about frequently to distribute the wear evenly. High cooking temperatures make cheese tough and less easily digested, so always avoid spreading it on the top of baked dishes where it is subject to greater heat than when it is mixed with the food. Cheese is a concentrated food and consequent it is best served with bread or other cereals accompanied by tomatoes, lettuce, spinach, or fruit. Halved for Transportation. During the World War large ships were cut in two to bring them from the Great Lakes to the coast. The vessels were cut in two by means of an acetylene torch while in dry dock. The sections were then boarded and calked, after which the dock was flooded and the sections were hauled apart and towed. The halves were later rejoined and made seaworthy.